

what Applicants regard as their invention. Favorable reconsideration is respectfully requested.

Claims 1, 3-6 and 9-17 have been rejected under 35 U.S.C. as obvious from U.S. Patent 4,902,881 (Janku) in view of German Patent DE 3011511 (Siemens) and U.S. Patent 4,885,771 (Rabideau et al.). Applicants respectfully submit the following comments.

Independent Claim 1, as amended, is directed to an information processing apparatus. This apparatus includes (1) means for reading image information including character data including a name and a phone number recorded on a recording medium, (2) image memory means for storing image information, (3) means for recognizing the name and the phone number included in the read image information, (4) character memory means for storing the name and the phone number, (5) means for controlling the image memory means to store the read image information, (6) means for controlling the character memory means to store the recognized name and phone number, (7) means for searching a plurality of names and phone numbers, stored in the character memory means, for a desired name and phone number and (8) means for displaying the desired name and phone number searched by the searching means, the corresponding image information stored in the image memory means and the name and the phone number recognized by the recognizing means.

Because the display means displays the name and phone number read by the reading means and the name and phone number recognized by the recognizing means, any disparity between the read and recognized names or phone numbers can be readily observed and corrected.

Independent Claim 4, as amended, is also directed to an information processing apparatus. This apparatus includes (1) means for manually entering, correcting or changing character data, (2) means for reading first image information including character data including a name and a phone number recorded on a recording medium and second image information not including the name and the phone number, (3) means for recognizing the name and phone number included in the first read image information, (4) means for registering the name and phone number, (5) means for controlling the registering means to register the name and phone number in accordance with the name and phone number recognized by the recognizing means and for allowing the manual means to correct or change the registered name and phone number, (6) means for displaying the phone number searched by the searching means and for displaying the name and phone number registered in the registering means in accordance with a type of the character data, (7) communication control means for transferring the second image information from the reading means on the basis of the desired phone number and (8) means for storing a document. The communication control means

performs control of transmission of the document on the basis of the desired phone number.

Independent Claim 6, as amended, is also directed to an information processing apparatus. This apparatus includes (1) means for reading first image information including character data including a name and a phone number recorded on a recording medium and second image information not including the name and the phone number, (2) recognizing means for recognizing the name and phone number included in the first read image information, (3) means for registering the name and phone number, (4) means for controlling the registering means to register the name and the phone number in accordance with the recognized name and phone number for causing the registering means to register a plurality of such names and phone numbers and for allowing the apparatus to manually correct or change the registered names and phone numbers, (5) means for searching the registered plurality of phone numbers for a desired phone number in accordance with a desired, corresponding name, (6) means for displaying the searched plurality of phone numbers, (7) means for selecting one of the plurality of phone numbers, (8) means for performing facsimile communication for the second image information on the basis of the one phone number selected by the selecting means and (9) means for storing a document to be transmitted. The communication control means performs control of transmission of the document to be transmitted on

the basis of the desired phone number searched for by the searching means.

In amended Claims 4 and 6, the reading means reads first image information including character data including a name and a phone number recorded on a recording medium and second image information not including such name and phone number. Accordingly, the first read image information can be recognized by the recognizing means and the second image information can be transferred from the reading means (Claim 4) or transmitted by the facsimile device (Claim 6) on the basis of a selected phone number.

Siemens shows a telephone handset that reads a phone number using an opto-electric reading eye and either stores or dials that phone number (see Abstract). Rabideau et al. shows an information storage device that stores a list of telephone numbers and automatically dials a selected one of them (see Abstract). The numbers and the associated party's name are displayed for selection (see Fig. 1). Janku shows a communication terminal that provides storage and facsimile transmission of documents (see Abstract).

None of the references is seen to teach or suggest, however, (1) means for displaying the desired name and phone number searched by the searching means, the corresponding image information stored in the image memory means and the name and the phone number recognized by the recognizing means as recited in amended Claim 1, or (2) means for reading first

image information including character data including a name and a phone number recorded on a recording medium and second image information not including the name and the phone number as recited in amended Claims 4 and 6. Moreover, none of the references shows communication control means for transferring the second image information from the reading means, as recited in amended Claim 4, or for performing facsimile communication for the second image information, as recited in amended Claim 6.

Accordingly, Applicants submit that independent Claims 1, 4 and 6 are patentable over Siemens, Rabideau et al. and Janku, either taken separately or in any combination.

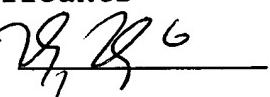
A review of the other art of record has failed to reveal anything which, in Applicants' opinion, would remedy the deficiencies of the art discussed above, as references against the independent claims herein. Those claims are therefore believed patentable over the art of record.

The other claims in this application are each dependent from one or another of the independent claims discussed above and are therefore believed patentable for the same reasons. Since each dependent claim is also deemed to define an additional aspect of the invention, however, the individual reconsideration of the patentability of each on its own merits is respectfully requested.

In view of the foregoing amendments and remarks,  
Applicant respectfully requests favorable reconsideration and  
early passage to issue of the present application.

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